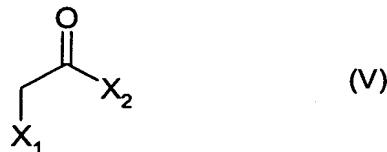


ABSTRACT  
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The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of a N-(N'-substituted glycyl)-2-cyanopyrrolidine comprising at least

(a) reacting, in the presence of dimethylformamide, a compound of formula (V)



wherein, independently of each other, X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>3</sub> are halogen; X<sub>2</sub> is halogen, OH, O-C(=O)-CH<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>, -O-SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkyl or -O-SO<sub>2</sub>-(aryl),

with L-prolinamide, followed by

(b) reacting the resultant compound without isolation with a dehydration agent, optionally followed by  
(c) reacting, in the presence of a base, the resultant compound without isolation with an appropriate amine and  
(d) recovering the resultant compound in free form or in acid addition salt form.